

## **Emergency Registration for Physicians Displaced by Hurricane Katrina**

In an effort to assist physicians displaced due to Hurricane Katrina, the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure has a process available pursuant to KRS 311.660(2)(a), which allows nonresidents of Kentucky who are lawfully licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy in their state of actual residence, to infrequently engage in the practice of medicine or osteopathy in Kentucky, when called to see or attend to particular patients in consultation and association with a Kentucky licensed physician. The Board is extending this provision to physicians that are displaced by Hurricane Katrina and hold a current license in good standing in Louisiana, Mississippi, or Alabama. The registration is restricted to 90 days and there is no fee involved. The registration also restricts the physician's practice of medicine or osteopathy to a licensed health care facility or in collaboration with a physician in their office. Upon receipt of your completed registration, approval should be granted within two business days. Click <http://kbml.ky.gov/katrina.html> to download the registration form.

Physicians interested in applying for permanent licensure in Kentucky can download an application at <http://kbml.ky.gov/physicians.html>.

Postgraduate training residents displaced due to Hurricane Katrina who want to join a postgraduate training program in Kentucky may do so by completing a registration application for displaced residents. This application can be downloaded here: <http://kbml.ky.gov/katrina.html>

For Kentucky physicians interested in volunteering in the disaster areas, the [Kentucky Department for Public Health](#) (DPH) is seeking Kentucky-licensed medical personnel to assist with Hurricane Katrina volunteer disaster recovery efforts. Medical specialties urgently needed include physicians, nurses, respiratory therapists and environmental health workers. More information is available here: <http://chfs.ky.gov/katrina.htm>. Additional information on how you can get involved and volunteer for the relief effort can be found on Governor Ernie Fletcher's website at <http://governor.ky.gov/Katrina.htm>.

The Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure would like to thank the many Kentucky physicians and medical professionals that have volunteered their services to the Gulf Coast Region in this time of crisis.